

I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A patch applied to skin for reducing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, comprising:

a first layer that is adhesive; and

a second layer adjacent to the first layer comprising

a material; and

one or more UV-UVA (320-400 nm) radiation blocking agent and one or more UVB (280-320 nm) radiation blocking agents;

wherein the patch second layer is transparent such that the skin is visible through the patch; and wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) of at least 15.

2. (Original) The patch of claim 1, wherein the second layer is opaque to the UV radiation.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) is 40.

5. (Original) The patch of claim 1, wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) in the range of about 15 to about 40.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the incorporation of ~~UV~~the UVA radiation blocking agents and/or UVB radiation blocking agents is within interstitial spaces within the second layer.

11. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVA radiation blocking agents and/or UVB radiation blocking agents are adhered to a surface of the second layer.

12. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVA and UVB radiation blocking agents are selected from the group consisting of inorganic, and organic agents.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, which comprises the adhesive at a peripheral edge thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 16, wherein the patch further comprises a releasable protective layer which is applied to the adhesive.

18. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the second layer overlays the first layer.

19. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the material of the second layer comprises a single thickness fabric.

20. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 19, wherein the material of the second layer comprises a section of one of tape and film.

21. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the material of the second layer comprises a gel.

22. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the patch is circular.

23. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the patch is waterproof.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a patch, wherein the patch is applied to skin for reducing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, the method comprising the steps of:

i.) providing a first layer that is adhesive and a second layer,
wherein the second layer comprises a material and one or more ~~UV~~UVA
radiation blocking agent and one or more UVB radiation blocking agents, wherein the second
layer is transparent such that the skin is visible through the patch;
and

ii.) bringing the first layer into contact with the second layer.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the second layer comprises a gel.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, the method further comprising adding one or more UV radiation blocking agents to at least one of the first and second layers.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing skin exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, comprising the steps of;

i.) providing a patch capable of being applied to skin for reducing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation,

wherein the patch includes a first layer that is adhesive and a second layer adjacent to the first layer comprising a material and one or more ~~UV~~UVA (320-400 nm) radiation blocking agent and one or more UVB (280-320 nm) radiation blocking agents, wherein the second layer is transparent such that the skin is visible through the patch; and

ii.) applying the patch to the skin with the adhesive layer contacting the skin wherein the patch is applied to an area of skin which is specifically susceptible to UV radiation.

31. (Previously Presented) The patch of claim 1, wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) greater than 40.

32. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 12, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVB radiation blocking agent is para-amine benzoic acid (PABA).

33. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 12, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVA and/or UVB radiation blocking agents are ~~agent~~ is selected from the group consisting of muscovite, phlogopite, biotite, cinnamates, benzophenone, benzoates, and octocrylene.

34. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVA and/or UVB radiation blocking agent is a benzophenone.

35. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVA and/or UVB radiation blocking agent is a benzoate.

36. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, wherein the ~~UV~~ UVA and/or UVB radiation blocking agent is a cinnamate.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) The patch of claim 1, ~~claim 37~~, wherein the UVA radiation blocking agent is a benzoate and the UVB radiation blocking agent is a cinnamate.

39. (Currently Amended) A patch applied to skin for reducing exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, comprising:

a first layer comprising an adhesive and one or more ~~UV~~ UVA radiation blocking agents and one or more UVB radiation blocking agents; and

a second layer adjacent to the first layer comprising a material;

wherein the first and second layers are transparent such that the skin is visible through the patch, and wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) greater than 15.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) greater than 15.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the patch comprises a UV protection factor (UPF) greater than 15.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprises applying the patch to one or more moles on the skin.

45. (New) The method of claim 30, which comprises applying the patch to an area of skin which has a mole or cluster of moles thereon, thus covering the mole or cluster of moles with the patch.